

and begins to yield full revenue, it is proposed to create a Sinking Fund by an annual contribution of Bh. Rs 50,000 from 1113 for the purchase and cancellation of our securities if and when they depreciate and stand below par in the market.

19. *General Administration.*—Provision has been made for the regrading of the number of appointments in the several grades of the ministerial staff in the Secretariat, for the continuance of the appointment of an additional Private Secretary to the Dewan, of the temporary staff for the revision of the State Manual for 3 months during 1113, and for the listing, copying, etc., of the large collections of valuable old records preserved in the Mathilagam and Central Vernacular Records, and the temporary staff for the Press Room.

With a view to secure co-ordination and economy in the purchase of stores required by the various departments of public service in the State and to encourage local and Indian purchases as far as possible, a Stores Purchase Committee has been constituted consisting of the Chief Secretary as President, the Financial Secretary to Government and the Director of Industries as members, with the power of co-opting heads of departments whenever necessary. Details of procedure, regarding indents, etc., have been settled and purchases of stores will be made through the Committee with effect from 1st Chingom 1113. A provision of Rs 3,525 on account of the pay of the clerical staff and contingencies is made under 41—Miscellaneous.

A senior officer has been placed on special duty for the revision of the Codes of the Army Department which has been recently reorganised, and the various Accounts and Departmental Codes which are very much out of date.

20. *Administration of Justice.*—With the establishment of Conciliation Boards at important centres of the State for giving effect to the provisions of the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation III of 1112 for which a provision of Rs 55 of a lakh has been made for the next year, it is expected that there will be considerable relief to the existing Civil Courts. The continuance of the existing temporary Second Judges and Munsiffs' courts as well as the temporary Sirkar Vakils' offices has been provided for about six months only by which time it is expected that the question of a possible reduction will be considered and decided upon. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Temporary Fourth Bench of the High Court till 8th Vrischigom 1113 and for the Statutes Revision Committee which is now

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engaged in considering the laws relating to commercial transactions, arbitration and companies, for a portion of the year, until the future of the Committee is considered and orders issued.

21. *Police*.—In addition to the continuance of the existing Police Out-posts at Santhanpara, Munnar and Thalayar, provision has been made for the revival of the outpost at Thanneermukkam and also for strengthening the staff of constabulary in the Traffic Branch, in view of the large increase in motor traffic.

22. *Education*.—The expenditure next year is estimated at Rs 49.65 lakhs. This is about 20 per cent. of the total revenues of the State and exceeds the revised estimate for the current year by Rs 1.75 lakhs.

To give effect to the scheme for the establishment of a University for Travancore, referred to in the Dewan's address to the Joint Session, a Special Officer has been appointed for the preparation of the scheme and to perform the necessary spade work in connection therewith. Besides the provision for the pay and allowances of the Special Officer and his staff, a lump sum of Rs 63,000 has also been provided in the budget for next year. A lump provision of Rs 1 lakh has been made under Capital Expenditure not charged to Revenue for University Buildings, etc.

Government have invited the All India Oriental Conference to hold their Ninth Session in Trivandrum in December 1937 and the invitation has been accepted. A lump sum of Rs 12,000 has been included in the budget for 1113 for meeting the expenses during the next year.

Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Vocational Training Schools started during the current year as an experimental measure and for the continuance of the existing temporary establishments in so far as they may be necessary. It is also proposed to enhance the provision for fixed contingent grant to Vernacular Schools.

23. *Agriculture and Fisheries*.—In view of the great possibilities of tobacco cultivation in the Travancore State and of the keen interest which the representatives of the people have been evincing in the matter, Government have recently sanctioned a set of rules enabling the people of the State to undertake tobacco cultivation. Provision has been made in the budget estimates